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Claims 3, 9 and 13 are pending in this application, of which claim 9 has been amended. Claims 3, 9 and 13 have been allowed in the Notice of Allowance mailed May 26, 2009.

Claim 9 has been amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection, as determined by the Examiner in a telephone conference with Applicants' attorney on June 16, 2009. The Examiner originally allowed claim 9 in the Notice of Allowance mailed May 26, 2009, and then during a telephone conference with Applicants' attorney, determined that claim 9 was indefinite under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, because the recited limitations "said first post-shaped members or said second post-shaped members" have no antecedent basis in claim 13 or claim 3, from which claim 9 depends. The Examiner indicated during the June 16, 2009 telephone conference that claim 9 would be allowed if it were amended to have proper antecedent basis.

Accordingly, claim 9 has been amended to correct the noted instances of indefiniteness.

Thus, the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection should be withdrawn.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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